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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language follows:

European Patent No. 0 259 386 B1 – This reference appears to disclose microplates, as illustrated in the figures.

European Patent No. 0 578 067 A1 – This reference appears to disclose chemical compositions including metal chelates, as illustrated in the figures.

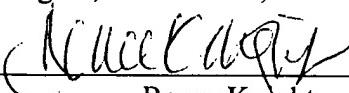
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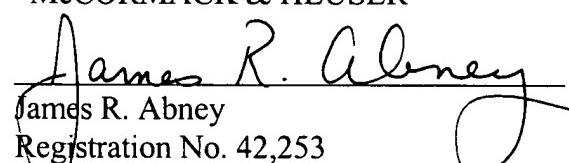


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